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**ARIZONA MAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED
INTERNET ENTICEMENT OF OWENSBORO MINOR**

– 62 year old man arranged to meet 14-year old in local hotel

OWENSBORO, KY - A federal grand jury in Bowling Green returned an indictment against **George C. Bloomer**, age 62, of Peoria, Arizona, on charges of using the Internet to attempt to induce a minor to engage in sexual activity and with traveling interstate for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct with a minor, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. The indictment also seeks forfeiture to the United States of Bloomer's 2004 GMC Envoy SUV and his lap-top computer as property which was used in the commission of the crimes charged.

The Indictment alleges that between November 1, 2006, and May 19, 2007, Bloomer used the Internet to attempt to induce or persuade a person under the age of 18 to engage in sexual conduct, and that beginning sometime in May 2007, and ending on May 18, 2007, he traveled interstate with the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct with a minor.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are not less than 10 years in prison, and up to life, a \$500,000 fine, and supervised release for any term of years up to life.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Marisa J. Ford, and it was investigated by the Owensboro Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Bloomer scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge Dave Whalin, on September 27, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., in Owensboro, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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